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## EDITORIALS\*

### COUNTY SOCIETY BY-LAWS—IN RELATION TO DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

The present constitution and by-laws of the California Medical Association were unanimously adopted by the House of Delegates on May 8, 1929, at the fifty-eighth annual session at San Diego.

Letters which have been received at the central office of the Association indicate that as yet a number of the county units have not amended their own rules of organization to conform with the present state society by-laws on payment of dues and on lapse of membership through non-payment of dues.

Since the by-laws of the component county units of the California Medical Association must be in harmony with those of the State Association, and because of misunderstandings which arise on the part of members, when such county society by-laws are different in their provisions on the matter of dues, the attention of the officers and members of each county society is again directed to the importance of making the necessary amendments where such are needed.

Chapter X, Section 1 of the present by-laws of the California Medical Association provide:

The annual assessment or dues shall be payable on or before January 1 of the year for which they are levied.

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Concerning termination of membership because of nonpayment of dues, Chapter II, Section 2, Item (b) of the State Association by-laws provide:

(b) If the annual assessment of dues payable to this Association by any member of this Association is not paid on or before April 1 of any year, such member shall automatically lose his membership in this Association as of April 1 of such year. The Council of this Association, in its discretion, upon payment of such unpaid dues, and any other assessments or dues accruing thereafter, may at any time reinstate such member.

No matter what the by-laws of a component county society may state to the contrary, these excerpts from the by-laws of the California Medical Association mean that the annual assessment or state society dues are due and payable from every member of the California Medical Association on or before January 1 of each year, and that on April 1 of any year, if the dues of any member remain unpaid, then such member automatically loses his membership in the California Medical Association, and the name of such a member is then deleted from the mailing list of the official journal and other publications, until such time as membership is reestablished as otherwise provided in the state society by-laws.

County medical societies which have not amended their by-laws to conform to the state society provisions here quoted are urged to do so, in order that their members be not confused as to the time periods permitted for payment of dues.

### LETTER OF OCTOBER 6 AND ITS ENCLOSURE

*Council Minutes Dealing Therewith.*—During the month of October a letter of date of October 6, with an enclosure letter of date of May 14, was sent by some San Francisco colleagues to all members of the California Medical Association.

Mention is made thereto in this column in order to call the attention of members who are interested, to the minutes of the last two meetings of the Council which bear on the same subject. The Council meeting of June 4 was a special meeting called to consider the enclosure letter of date of May 14. At the regular quarterly meeting of the Council held on September 27 some later developments were considered. These minutes will be found in the California Medical Association column of this number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, on pages 836 and 838.

### CAN A CORPORATION PRACTICE MEDICINE—COURT RULES NOT

*An Interesting Decision by Judge Samuel R. Blake of the Los Angeles Superior Court.*—In the Medico-Legal column of the Miscellany department of this number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is printed a digest of the decision rendered by Judge Samuel R. Blake of the Superior Court of Los Angeles. The decision was on a proceeding file by Granville Mac-